
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 12, 2022

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7180](#)

BY Casimiro, Ruggiero, Noret, Cortvriend, McEntee, Alzate, Kazarian, Roberts, Fenton-Fung, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS RATE REVIEW AND RATE SETTING PROCESS ACT OF 2022 {LC3900/1} (Requires EOHHS assisted by 24 member advisory committee to provide review/recommendations for rate setting/ongoing review of social service programs licensed by state departments/agencies and Medicaid.)

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7289](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Chippendale, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Alzate, Kazarian, Batista, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES {LC4269/1} (Establishes general caseload limits for DCYF workers similar to those contained in the Council on Accreditation standards.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7387](#)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTECTING AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN STATE-FUNDED HOME CARE PROGRAMS {LC4559/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7388](#)

BY Amore, Henries, Craven, Caldwell, Batista, Speakman, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND {LC4547/1} (Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or federal programs or insurance contract.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7390](#)

BY Shanley, Bennett, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson, Tanzi, Kazarian, Slater, Morales, Williams, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -- MINIMUM WAGE FOR PROVIDERS {LC4419/1} (Requires state contracted human services providers to pay their employees a starting hourly wage, of no less than twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) per hour, and to include wage incremental raises for existing employees.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7445](#)

BY Alzate, Barros, Felix, Kislak, McGaw, Batista, Ajello, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC4718/1} (Increases eligibility for the three (3) federal Medicare Savings Programs and eliminates the asset test for these programs.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7489](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Solomon, McEntee, Kislak, Chippendale, Kazarian, Felix, Henries, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL AND CLINICAL SERVICES PROGRAMS RATE REVIEW AND RATE SETTING PROCESS ACT OF 2022 {LC4421/1} (Provides for rate setting and review for all medical programs licensed or having a contract with the state as well as Medicaid.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7490](#)

BY Barros, Giraldo, Kislak, Casimiro, Solomon, Alzate, Felix, Cassar, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT {LC4761/1} (Allows SNAP recipients to receive a minimum of \$0.50 credit on their EBT card, for each \$1.00 spent on fruits and vegetables also creates a separate SNAP fund to allocate funds from the general fund to effectuate this act.)

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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04/22/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/25/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7552](#)

BY McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Casimiro, Solomon, Ruggiero, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT AND DEBT PROTECTION ACT OF 2011 {LC4956/1}

(Authorizes the Rhode Island public transit authority's coordinating council to develop a pilot program to address the needs of disabled individuals whose disability prevents independent use of a fixed route system.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7628](#)

BY Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC5099/1}

(Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase Medicaid rates for the Early Intervention and First Connections programs allowing for payment of competitive wages for qualified professionals.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7758](#)

BY Henries, Morales, Potter, Cortvriend, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC4974/1} (Requires the auditor general to oversee audits of Medicaid programs and report findings to the general assembly and EOHHS and requires a plan from EOHHS to end privatized managed care and institute a state run plan.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7859](#)

BY Tanzi, Potter, McGaw, Shanley, Donovan, Cassar, Felix, Ajello, Batista, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS ACT {LC4434/1} (Increases the income eligibility limit for medical assistance coverage for seniors and disabled individuals from one hundred percent (100%) to one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of federal poverty level.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7861](#)

BY Tanzi, Felix, McGaw, Ajello, Batista, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE {LC5302/1} (Increases the rate of reimbursement for in-network behavioral health care services below the medial commercial reimbursement rate and also Rhode Island Medicaid shall increase the rate of reimbursement.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7926](#)

BY McNamara, Kislak, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT {LC4941/1} (Raises the maximum age of eligibility for pediatric palliative services from eighteen (18) to twenty-six (26) and raises the eligibility for enhanced services from age eight (8) to age twenty-six (26).)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7930](#)

BY Tobon, Barros

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS {LC5087/1} (This joint resolution would approve an amendment the Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8003](#)

BY C Lima, Cardillo, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS--STAFFING {LC5261/1} (Exempts certain nursing home facilities from the state minimum level staffing requirement under certain circumstances.)

03/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8050](#)

BY Kazarian, Casimiro, Serpa, Amore, Noret, O'Brien, Alzate, Potter, Baginski, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM {LC5586/1} (Effective January 1, 2023, increase the salaries of the child advocate and the assistant child advocate for the office of the child advocate to \$135,000 and \$120,000 respectively.)

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8063](#)

BY C Lima, Serpa, Costantino, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Phillips, Hawkins, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS {LC5656/1} (Due to the COVID-19 health crises, suspend the provisions of § 23-17.5-33, relating to nursing home staffing.)

03/30/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8076](#)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE STABILIZATION PROGRAM {LC5494/1} (Provides for a fund to administer retention payments of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for certain health care workers who worked during the COVID-19 pandemic.)

04/01/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/06/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM

The meeting will be televised live by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Send written testimony to: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).

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IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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